



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT</b>		ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. <b>70072.0012USWO</b>	
		U.S. APPLICATION SERIAL NO. <b>10/019,655</b>	CONFIRMATION NO. <b>5726</b>
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INVENTOR(S) <b>Steven E. ROKITA et al.</b>		EXAMINER <b>Jeffrey E. RUSSEL</b>	GROUP ART UNIT <b>1654</b>
TITLE OF APPLICATION <b>NICKLE-BASED REAGENTS FOR DETECTING DNA AND DNA-PROTEIN CONTACTS</b>			

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 19, 2006, Applicants elect, albeit with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-6, 11-15, 21 and 23, and the species drawn to a compound and complexes containing the compound A, for further prosecution on the merits.

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